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SUBJECT: USG PROPOSAL FOR PARTICIPATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO  
GOL'S 4-YEAR MAPPING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

1. AMBASSADOR RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER DATED DEC. 28 AND SIGNED BY  
MINISTER OF LANDS AND MINES AARON HOLMES TO MINISTER OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS ON SUBJECT MATTER. THIS LETTER WAS SENT IN REPLY TO  
AMBASSADOR DENIS' OCT. 13 LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER SUBMITTING  
US GOVT. PROPOSAL FOR OUR PARTICIPATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
TO GOL'S GEODETIC MONUMENT DENSIFICATION PHASE OF 4-YEAR MAPPING  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

2. HOLMES' LETTER REQUESTS FOREIGN MINISTRY TO INFORM DEPT. OF  
HIS MINISTRY' ACCEPTANCE OF FOLLOWING TERMS:

A. THAT PROJECT BE UNDERTAKEN AS JOINT LIBERIAN CARTOGRAPHIC  
SERVICE AND DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY (LCS-DMA) PROJECT,

B. THAT PROJECT BEGIN IN APRIL OR MAY 1977 AS EARLIER PERIOD HAS  
PASSED,

C. THAT GOL WOULD PROVIDE NON-EXPERT MANPOWER REQUIRED FOR JOINT  
UNDERTAKING.

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3. LETTER RECOMMENDS DMA'S RECONSIDERATION OF LIMITATIONS  
IMPOSED UPON SCOPE OF EVERALL PROJECT BY PROPOSING THAT  
WORDING REGARDING SCOPE (NUMBER OF STATEIONS TO BE ESTABLISHED  
AND OVERALL COVERAGE) OF SAID JOINT PROJECT BE MORE FLEXIBLE  
TO ENABLE JOIN LCS-DMA PROJECT TO BE RELEVANT TO BASIC INTENT  
FOR WHICH INITIATIVE TAKEN BY GOL.

4. LETTER CONCLUDES BY PROPOSING THAT INSTEAD OF EMPHATICALLY SPECIFYING ESTABLISHMENT OF ONLY SIX POINTS, JOINT UNDERTAKING BE REWORDED AS FOLLOWS:

A. THAT AT LEAST SIX GEOCEIVER POINTS BE ESTABLISHED IN ORDER TO MEET INITIAL GOAL OF CORRELATING GEOGRAPHIC AND PLANIMETRIC COORDINATE DICTUM OF PREVIOUS JOINT UNDERTAKING OF US COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY AND DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY WITH VIEW TO MEETING OBJECTIVES OF 4-YEAR MAPPING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

B. THAT WITH ABOVE UNDERSTANDING CURRENT PROPOSED PROJECT BE CONSIDERED DULY CONSTITUTED TO COMMENCE IN APRIL OR MAY 1977 AND THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THIS NOTE SHOULD CONSTITUTE PROJECT AGREEMENT.

5. IN CALL ON ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR AMERICAN AFFAIRS MINIKON OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, E/C COUNSELOR LEARNED THAT MINISTRY INTENDS TO SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO AMB. DENNIS ON SUBJECT MATTER AFTER FURTHER STUDY.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF DEPT. COULD ARRANGE TO HAVE DMA AND OTHER MAPPING AGENCIES KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES IN LIBERIA. EMBASSY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF FOREGOING PROPOSED AGREEMENT ALTHOUGH IT AWARE MINISTER HOLMES MAINTAINS CLOSE CONTACT WITH US MAPPING AGENCIES.  
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